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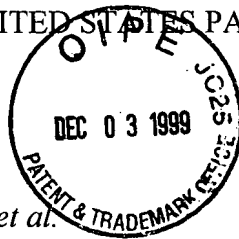
In the application of:

Lloyd M. SMITH *et al.*

Serial No.: 08/484,340

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For: TAGGED EXTENDIBLE PRIMERS  
AND EXTENSION PRODUCTS



Examiner: Scott Houtteman

Group Art Unit: 1634

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Box AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 27, 1999 for which a response was due on August 27, 1999. Filed herewith are a Petition and Fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 27, 1999. Inasmuch as November 27 falls on a Saturday, the deadline is extended to the next business day, *i.e.*, November 29. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. This Response is also accompanied by a second Request for Removal of Finality pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a).

Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. In light of the

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